

# Alexandria Gazette and Virginia Advertiser



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THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 2.

The home origin of the readjusters says that Messrs. Hoar and Dawes are in cordial cooperation with Messrs. Mahone and Riddleberger. The statement was entirely unnecessary as everybody was well aware of the fact; it contained, and why it was made is hard to tell. It certainly could not have been made with the idea that it would help the readjuster cause, for no matter what else may be said of the twenty thousand white people in the State who voted the readjuster ticket, they are Virginians, and therefore could not be partial to the two Massachusetts men whose envy, hatred, and malice for Virginia and the South have been the only means by which they obtained seats in the United States Senate. And then, too, Mr. Hoar is the avowed advocate of the imprisonment of Chinese cheap labor, a policy that certainly would not be conducive to the interests of the "working men," of whom General Mahone professes to be the especial champion.

Mississippi exempts all railroads from taxation, and grants liberal charters for railroads to all bona fide applicants. This is good policy. The more favors shown railroads, the farther "bad roads" will be extended, and the more new ones will be built, and as the development of the country depends upon the railroads the more of them there are in a State, the more prosperous that State will be. And then another thing, which some people fail to see, is that the taxes that are laid upon railroads, though collected at the railroad offices, are necessarily exacted from the people who travel on or send freight by those roads; they are like the duties of the high tariff, which though exacted for by the importing merchants, are really paid by the consumers.

Another monthly statement of the National debt has been published, and notwithstanding the regular monthly statements of the reduction of that debt, it still amounts to within a few millions of two billions of dollars. If with all the monthly reductions reported as having been made for years past, and all the taxes that are exacted from the people for the nominal purpose of making those reductions, the amount of the debt shall remain much longer at the enormous figure of two billions, there is no little danger that an attempt will be made to readjust that debt, and that Captain Blair's idea of applying the principles of readjustment to the National debt as well as to the State debt may be made effective.

When the democrats had possession of the State they provided that there should be only one session of the Legislature in every two years, and thereby saved the people no little money. But such economy does not suit the economical ideas of the readjusters, who though elected as the opponents of the "extraneous expenditures of the Bourbon," seem never to be satisfied except when engaged in expending the money of a State too poor, as they assert, to pay her honest debts. They therefore will have an extra session of the Legislature, for which they will draw pay. They are evidently making hay while the sun shines, and, from their point of view, cannot be blamed for so doing.

General Sheridan, the "gallant Phil," has captured the rank and pay of a brigadier for his father-in-law with as much dash and vigor as he displayed in his memorable attack upon the Pagan woman and children. And then, too, it is asserted, that his expenses while coming to Washington to effect the capture referred to, were drawn from the U. S. Treasury, which shows that his heroism is of that superior quality that recks the danger of assaulting the Treasury as little as that of an attack upon a defenseless camp of squaws and papooses.

Now that the Governor, after his sensational and expensive war on the piratical system, has returned to Richmond, the latter have resumed operations and are conducting them with as much energy as before. A sheriff, with a properly armed posse, would have conducted the capture more effectively, if with not quite as much display.

As one of the chief objects the readjusters have in view is the exaction of the \$5 fee that is charged for new commissions, the probability is that all the old notaries who desire to retain their offices will be enabled to do so upon submitting to the gauge and paying that fee again.

The March number of the monthly edition of Golden Days, for boys and girls, has been received from its publisher, James Elverson, Philadelphia. This is one of the best magazines of its kind published in this country.

The New York Sun, which generally looks at things through clear glasses, expresses a proper and fair idea of the late Blair's oration when it says it was "common place."

Potter's Monthly for March has been received from its publisher, John R. Potter & Co., Philadelphia. Its contents are varied, interesting and instructive.

From the publisher, Patrick Keenan, Richmond, we have received a little pamphlet entitled "Facts and Figures," concerning the General Assembly of Virginia 1881-1882, and principal State officers, including brief biographical sketches of the members, somewhat after the order of the Congressional Directory.

It is probable that the sentences of the N. H. Lewis will be commuted to penal servitude. Mr. Alexandroff, their counsel, declared if rigidity were eliminated, he would shrug his shoulders.

The Potomac Oyster bill was up in the Maryland Legislature yesterday, and on motion the oyster clause was striking out, but the vote was reconsidered.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2, 1882.

Well informed Virginia politicians say that according to the new apportionment of Congressional representation in their State the 6th and 8th districts are sure for the democrats, and that they will only have to overcome 172 majority in the Richmond, 1,702 in the Fredericksburg, 1,500 in the Salem and 2,166 in the Norfolk districts to secure those seats. They also say that now that the effects have been filed in their State, the disappointed readjusters, democrats as well as republicans, have already begun to talk of the unfulfilled promises that were made them of "the impossibility of such a proud State as Virginia passively submitting to the domination of one man power," and that it is by no means improbable that within less than six months the unwelcome alliance will be a thing of the past, and that the readjuster party will be composed, as the republican party in Virginia heretofore has been, of the federal office holders and the negroes. With regard to the Alexandria Gazette, it is said it was given to Major Meade as a personal favor from General Mahone, who had intended it for him from the first, and that the expressions of neutrality he has been making to Judge Sangster and Mr. Windsor for months past have been only the insincerity of which they now realize.

Col. Blackburn when asked about a special telegram in a morning paper concerning a move of what the telegram terms the Union democrats of Kentucky, said it amounts to nothing. Mr. Noble, Chairman of the House District Committee, says if the House will grant his committee its just proportion of time the bill for the readjustment of the Potomac flats can be passed without difficulty, but that otherwise there is a bad show for that bill.

The Congressional committee to whom private claims have been referred are doing very little work, as the prevalent idea is that Congress will create a tribunal of some sort which shall decide all such cases.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that the duty on steel blooms shall be 45 per cent. ad valorem, instead of 25 per cent. ad valorem. This is highly objectionable to the protectionists, and as it may weaken the bill they are to report, provided the steel bloom section of that bill be retained, they will probably omit that section altogether.

One of the morning papers here says that by the new Congressional apportionment in Virginia Mr. Tucker has been thrown into Mr. Chubb's district. This is entirely incorrect. Mr. Tucker's district is in the 7th or Mr. Paul's district, and as Mr. Mealy has a term in that district, and formerly lived there, he intends moving back there, and if he does not represent the district himself will certainly prevent Mr. Paul from representing it.

A careful estimate of the new apportionment of Congressional representatives in Virginia made by a well informed and pains taking Virginia politician gives the democrats 17 of the 10 districts. The readjuster majority in the 5th, or Allegheny district one of the six, is only 1,500, and that it is said can be easily overcome.

Young Charles Caldwell, of Warrenton, who was removed from his judgeship in the House two or three weeks ago, was reinstated yesterday. There are diverse rumors about the presence of Mr. Cookling in the city, some saying that he arrived this morning and is stopping at Wormley's and others that he has not come and has no idea of coming. Whether he is here or not nothing is more likely to be true than the impression that his nomination will be confirmed with little or no opposition. The question of his confirmation is expected to come up in the Senate this afternoon, and the indications now are that the opposition to it will be great on the republican as well as the democratic side. It is probable that it will go through, as it probably will, with all the much difficulty and after such a hard fight that the honor and credit that will otherwise have been attached to it will be completely lost.

The report of the board of army engineers on the plan for the readjustment of the Potomac flats off this city has been made. It recommends the appropriation of \$2,800,000 for two channels with a rock wall laid between, in which island there shall be several lakes.

Col. Albert has reported against the acceptance of the bid of the Corrugated Steel Company, of New Berlin, Mass., for the proposed free bridge across the Potomac at Georgetown, and the whole matter will now be referred back to Congress.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Two hundred and twenty-five doctors were "unroofed" in Baltimore yesterday.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the Indian appropriation bill, appropriating \$1,920,200.

The assessed value of real estate for taxation in St. Louis, Mo., for the present year is officially stated at \$162,177,610; the personal property \$30,414,630. Total \$192,592,240. This is an increase over last year on real estate of \$23,185,144; on personal property of \$2,947,870.

## Northeast Virginia Medical Society.

[Correspondence Alexandria Gazette.]  
WARRENTON, Va., Feb. 27.—There having been no quorum of Fellows present on January 21, (date of the regular quarterly meeting of the society) a called session was held this day in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

In the absence of the President, the chair was filled by Vice President Harris of Culpeper. The regular business having been soon dispatched, the following made haste to engage in the discussion of the all absorbing topic, diphtheria, which has lately been afflicting such a rich harvest to the reaper, Death.

Dr. Foster, of Mississippi, a guest of the society, by invitation, opened the discussion, and was followed by Drs. Chilton and Hicks. At the close of the latter's interesting remarks, he was called to the chair to enable Dr. Harris, President pro tem, to read his "Essay on the identity of the two diseases, Membranous croup and diphtheria." This paper was able, correct and comprehensive, and elicited from the Fellows generally a spirited debate, the unity or the duality of these terrible malaises.

At the suggestion of Dr. Hicks the cut list of opinion was brought to a close by taking of the following vote: In favor of "unity," 6—Drs. Harris, Hicks, Hamilton, Clarkson, Frost and Hughes. In favor of "duality," 5—Drs. W. D. Cooper, W. F. Cooper, Cooke, Edmunds and Chilton.

Great interest was shown in the inspection of some unusually large specimens of false membrane exhibited by Dr. Clarkson from the throats of two fatal cases of malignant, epidemic diphtheria.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton it was agreed that the next discussion should be on "Erysipelas in local and constitutional aspects." Dr. Hamilton was appointed essayist for the April meeting. The meeting, on motion, adjourned.

DAMAGES FOR ILLEGAL CONFINEMENT.—The suit of Anthony Briggs (colored) against the trustees of Samuel A. Swann, late superintendent, for damages for illegal confinement in the penitentiary, was heard in the Circuit Court of Richmond yesterday, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$225. Briggs was confined in the Corporation Court of Norfolk for housebreaking and robbery, and on the 8th of November, 1877, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He was received at the penitentiary on December 12, 1877. By an inadvertence (owing to clerical mistake), despite his rebate for good conduct and other legal mitigations, Briggs, instead of being discharged in 1879, a couple of months inside of the time for which he was sentenced, was detained in the penitentiary until 21 day of January, 1880.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The new Methodist Church, at Fredericksburg, is completed.

Many handsome building improvements are contemplated at Charlottesville for the coming season.

James W. Burgess, a former well known citizen of Winchester, died recently in London, Ohio.

The ladies of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, of Charlottesville, realized \$1,000 by a fair held last week.

The cotton shipments to Europe from Norfolk for the past month foot up 30,650 bales. The season is very even.

Poor's tobacco warehouse, in Lynchburg, has been sold to Paul, Talbot & Co., of Danville, for \$10,000, subject to an annual rent of \$550.

The first State Council for Virginia of Catholic Knights of America was organized in Norfolk yesterday. There were delegates from various parts of the State in attendance.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Norfolk is called for to-morrow night to express disapproval of the proposed change of the city charter by the Legislature.

The House of Delegates has passed the bill giving the Governor a clerk at a salary of \$1,500, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth official free not to cost more than \$2,000 per annum.

The Baptist parsonage at Madaketown, Accomack county, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon last while the pastor was away filing an appointment. The library and all the furniture was burned.

The giant, Charles Drummond, a colored day laborer at Onancock, is in his nineteenth year. He measures six feet eight inches in height, weighs 254 pounds, and wears shoes sixteen inches in length. His principal diet since boyhood has been sweet potatoes.

Mr. Brown Allen, the newly elected Auditor, took charge of the office yesterday, Mr. John R. Massey retiring. Mr. Massey was asked how he felt, and replied: "I feel like a free man, and can now look a man in the eye and talk to him without fear of being teased."

On Sunday night Miss Rebecca Fortune, of Madison county, died of typhoid pneumonia, and a few hours later her mother died of the same disease. The father died a few minutes ago, and in consequence of these deaths several little children are left destitute of parents and the means of support.

A large number of corn, meat and poultry houses have on rebel by colored thieves in Warrenton and vicinity, within the last two weeks, supposed to be the work of a regular organized gang acting under the impression that the whittier law has been repealed. Several of the depredations have been caught.

In noting the recent failure of Messrs. Ficklen & Son, the Fredericksburg's border, says: The case of Joseph Hazard, Jr., agent of Western flag of steamers is the saddest incident connected with the whole affair. Mr. Hazard's agent signed bills of lading for some 3,000 barrels of flour which were never delivered to the steamboat company thereby making the said company liable to their agent for between \$16,000 and \$17,000. The Messrs. Ficklen having forwarded those bills of lading and drawn against them to that amount.

## Legislative.

In the State Senate yesterday a vote was taken upon Mr. Riddleberger's resolution to extend the session thirty days resulting in its rejection—yeas 11, nays 25. Had Mr. Riddleberger's resolution prevailed, members would have received no pay for the extension; but if the Governor calls an extra session, they will be entitled to receive pay.

Mr. Bailey's last resolution vesting the office of the Board of Visitors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind in the State was passed.

Mr. Bailey contended that his party ought to have the spoils, and said the officers were to be turned out because they were not readjusters.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Lybrook, was passed by:

Resolved, The House of Delegates do hereby, That on the 7th day of November, 1882, the question shall be submitted to the electors of this State qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly the question, "Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution of the State and amend the same?"

Mr. Riddleberger's resolution proposing to fund the "black script" at 80 cents on the dollar without discussion was passed without objection and sent to the House.

The House of Delegates yesterday, Mr. Pollard moved to suspend the rules and take up the bill to order the repeal of the bill. He urged the importance of this bill as a matter of great importance to the State as well as to the taxpayers. The vote was taken, and the motion was lost, the democrats voting solidly for it and the readjusters almost solidly against it.

Mr. Graves moved to suspend the rules and take up the House bill, by which the old law imposing a penalty of 5 per cent. on taxes not paid prior to December is repealed. Mr. Graves urged that this was a measure of general interest, and that the law is now standing bare particularly hard upon the poor, and should be repealed. The motion was lost by a party vote, the democrats voting to suspend the rules.

The House bill to regulate freight and passenger traffic came up on the second reading. Mr. Corbitt proceeded to state his objections to the bill, but gave way for a motion to dismiss.

The Chair decided the motion out of order. Mr. Hamilton then moved to lay the bill on the table, which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, 21.

The two houses in joint session proceeded to the election of judges, the first being U. G. Howison, the readjuster nominee for Prince William.

Mr. Smith of early explained this case. Two years ago Mr. Howison was elected, and the case was carried to the Supreme Court, which court decided that Judge Weeden (elected to succeed Judge Nix, deceased) was elected for a full term, and that Mr. Howison was not entitled to the office, which decision still stands good.

The democrats refused to vote, as they contended there is no vacancy in the judgeship of this county.

Mr. Howison was declared elected, he receiving all the votes of his party.

Mr. Walker, of Chesterfield, offered a resolution to postpone the election of the judges of Alexandria, Staunton, Richmond and Dinwiddie.

Mr. James wanted Danville stricken from the proposed amendment.

Mr. Smith thought that the judges of Alexandria ought to be elected at once.

Mr. Walker said he would then agree to except all the cities of Staunton and Richmond. The vote was taken, and Friday fixed for the election of judges of the two places named.

Mr. Walker gave as his reason for the postponement: "We think there should be another opportunity given the candidates for these places." He said in two days he thought the matter could be arranged.

Isaac Webb was elected judge of Carroll; M. C. Dickerson of Floyd; N. H. Harrison of Henry; J. M. Price, of Gocharland; and J. W. McBroome, of Russell. The future consideration of the joint order was postponed till Friday.

"Fear brings disgrace, bravery brings honor, cowardice saves no man from his fate," says the Oulph Omar; but Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup saved millions from an awful fate.

## Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
RICHMOND, Va., February 28.—The long fight over the local option bill which has been for so long agitating the House is over. It passed the bill by a much larger majority than it was supposed it could possibly get. The question now is can it pass the Senate. The weight of the testimony is that it cannot. The advocate of the bill evidently thinks that its provisions can be carried out without lugging politics into the discussion, but they will find themselves mistaken. Several of the leading Readjusters are very much opposed to it and anticipate trouble from it. Although it has been provided that the vote upon local option should not be taken in any general election they think the matter will be gotten into politics in some way.

By the Readjustment plan Massey is thrown out. The district that it any thing, is made more strongly Democratic than before. The Readjusters had great hopes of getting Tucker out of the way this time and would have desired his district to suit themselves as Mr. Massey had not interfered with their plans.

This congressional district has been especially fixed to defeat George D. Wise—some of the best black Republican counties have been thrown into it. Captain John S. Wise is the leading aspirant for the Readjuster nomination. Judge Lybrook's vigorous protest to-day in the Senate against the arbitrary action of his party in attempting to overrule the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Judge Weeden, of Prince William is the subject of much talk and no little veritable comment on the part of Readjusters who cannot see the use of thus showing up the weak points of their party. Senator Smith, of Alexandria, attempted to get the floor to make his protest against this revolutionary act, but was cut off by a previous call for the pending question.

Another meeting of Democrats was held last night for the purpose of considering the propriety of starting a State Democratic organ. It is understood that no money was raised. Another meeting will be held at an early day. Major Glover is still spoken of in connection with the editorial management of the proposed paper.

The Democratic members of the Legislature do not want an extra session of the Legislature, such a thing being foreign to the idea of economy, but the majority party will have it.

The Readjusters are still attempting to increase salaries. At the end of the session it will be well to add up the expenses as compared with two or four years ago. The salary list will be found startlingly large. The Democrats have at every stage opposed this increase of expenditure, but have been beaten down.

The coming thirty days session which the members of the Mahone ring want will be devoted mainly to the attempt to heal the differences in their party.

As yet the dominant party has not done anything with the Richmond police force. They, however, ever that they will get a new force here.

KILLED IN PRISON.—Yesterday R. Hart Taylor, a colored convict in the Maryland penitentiary, was shot and killed by Prison Officer James Byrne. Taylor was employed in the laundry and was told by the foreman to go on another floor and make a nest in place of one that had been destroyed. He paid no attention to the foreman, when Byrne repeated the order. Taylor replied that he would not go on the other floor, and made an assault on Byrne, when the latter fired. Taylor propped up with the officer, and Mr. Thorne the foreman, arrested them. Taylor then ran for Thorne, but the latter escaped, and he returned to the assault upon Byrne, who fired two more shots, at the last of which Taylor fell and died within an hour. A jury of inquest rendered a verdict that the killing was in self-defense. Taylor was a powerful man, and at times very hard to manage.

Mrs. Scoville, Guiton's sister, has sent a memorial to the Senate protesting against the confirmation of Mr. Cookling. In concluding, Mrs. Scoville says: "I protest against the appointment of this impudent demagogue, who above all others, was the chief cause of the degrading partisan strife which culminated in the death which the nation mourned. I protest in the name of that justice which should be meted equally to all that this man shall not be elevated to that position which may enable him to pass final judgment upon the fate of my poor issue brotner."

LAND SALES.—Mr. Robert Barton and Maj. Holmes Conrad, commissioners, sold at public auction on Monday last 500 acres of land in the suit of Tidball vs. Marshall (part of the estate of the late James M. Marshall) to Mr. James Yates for \$30 per acre.

H. R. Gordon and J. P. Jeffries came to Kelly vs. Taliaferro sold to W. H. Brown of Baltimore 4800 acres for three thousand five hundred and twenty-seven dollars.—Warrenton Solid South.

WHALES SPORTING OFF THE CAPES.—A number of whales have recently been seen near Cape May by the people living there and by masters of vessels arriving at this port, sometimes playing for hours in full view from the shore. Recently a large one stranded near Cape Hen and was immediately struck by a harpoon, the remarkable circumstance of a harpoon being shot into the whale's back, and a very close shave to the life of the whale, for when the tide began to rise the big laborer slipped off without any apparent inconvenience.—Phil. Record.

CROP PROSPECTS.—According to our exchanges, "old farmers" are saying with remarkable unanimity that the next season, owing to the drought of last summer and heavy fall of rain and snow this winter, will be a very productive one. We hope their opinion may be justified by the result; but on the other hand, some observant farmers in this section fear that the remarkable rain-fall this winter indicates another drought this summer, and consequently another failure of the corn crop.—Winchester Times.

The public debt statement for the month of February shows a decrease during the month of \$9,783,511 63.

## MARKET.

This morning, at the residence of the bride's grandparents, Erie, Pa., by the Rev. W. St. Fulton, Mr. ARTHUR GREGORY, of this city, to Miss MARY C. BUSH.

## DIED.

In Warrenton, Va., February 26, 1882. Mr. JOSEPH H. WATSON, in the 19th year of his age.

PRIME LARD, small Hams, choice S. C. Shoulders and Breakfast Pieces, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

THOMAS'S CLEANSING PLUM PUDGING, in 1 and 2 lb. cans, for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

CHOICE ROE HERRING, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, MAACKRELL, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME CRANBERRIES received to-day and for sale by J. C. MILBURN, 17 N. Royal st.

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF STABLES' A CORN just received by J. C. MILBURN.

10 BAGS OF BLACK-EYED AND WESTERN GREEN PEAS, just received by W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

VERY CHOICE ROLL BUTTER just received by W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS.

From Richmond.  
[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]  
TAXATION IN ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.

RICHMOND, March 2.—The Senate Committee on Courts of Justice to-day reported Mr. Smith's bill, providing that the rate of taxation in Alexandria county shall not exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars of assessed value, for county, school or district purposes; and that no warrant shall be drawn or appropriation made, or debt contracted by the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county in excess of the solvent bills placed in the hands of the Treasurer of said county for collection. Any such warrant, appropriation or debt to be void.

JUDGES OF ALEXANDRIA.  
At 1 o'clock to-day the two Houses of the Legislature, in joint session, went into the election of judges.

When Alexandria city was called, in the House of Delegates, Mr. James C. Taylor nominated for Judge of the Corporation Court N. B. Meade.

Mr. S. Hart nominated for the position George A. Muskhoebe, and made a highly able speech in behalf of that gentleman.

In the Senate Mr. Meade was put in nomination by Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Smith, of Alexandria, nominated Mr. Muskhoebe.

The election was then gone into, and Mr. Meade was elected by the usual party vote.

## To Day's Congressional Proceedings.

SENATE.  
The President pro tem submitted resolutions of the board of directors of the Union League of Philadelphia, recommending the plan of Mr. Oliver Evans' Woods for better securing the delivery of dead letters, both foreign and domestic. Which was referred.

Mr. Latham presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, California, in favor of the bill to incorporate the Nicaragua Canal Company.

Mr. Platt, from the Committee on Patents, reported favorably the bill to regulate practices in patents.

Mr. Ferry introduced a bill to create additional pensions to those who have lost an arm or a leg in the service of the U. S.

Mr. Gorman offered a resolution directing the postmaster general to transmit a statement giving the amount expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, for special facilities for post mail. Adopted.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Commerce, reported favorably with amendments, the House bill to promote the efficiency of the life-saving service and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck. Passed on the October.

At 1:40 the Senate took up the Chinese bill, HOUSE.

There was a good deal of confusion in the House this morning owing to the fact that a number of members were demanding the recognition of the Speaker, but Mr. Aiken, of S. C., declared his intention of objecting to any such order until order was restored.

Mr. Harris, of Mass., Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the construction of vessels of war for the navy. Ordered to be printed and re-committed.

Mr. Jacobs, of New York, from the Committee on Elections, reported a resolution dismissing the contested election case of McCallum vs. George, from the State of Oregon.—Adopted.

The morning hour having been dispensed with the House at 12:45 went into the Committee of the Whole, on the singular and diplomatic appropriation bill, which appropriates \$1,198,530—being \$12,000 less than was appropriated last year and \$115,000 less than the estimates.

Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, gave a brief explanation of the various provisions of the bill.

SUICIDES.  
NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 2.—Corrad Trubier, residing on the corner of Niagara and Elizabeth Streets cut his throat with a knife this morning. He was taken to the German Hospital, but died as soon as he reached there. The cause of the suicide was insanity.

NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—At an early hour to-day the dead body of Peter Pickle was found suspended from a rafter in the room which he occupied in Monroe St. The deceased was 60 years of age.

MYSTERIOUS SICKNESS.  
BOSTON, Mar. 2.—A special dispatch from Marlboro, N. H., says: On Tuesday the help in the old room of the Monoclock Blackett Mills were taken sick and lay in bed. A new set of hands was put in and they also were taken sick and the help in the other rooms were affected the same way. On Wednesday nearly the whole of them were sick and at noon as many were ill that the mills were shut down. What cause the sickness is a mystery but it is probably something in the rage.

CYCLONE.  
GALVESTON, TEX., Mar. 2.—A special to the News from Dodd City, Texas says: The town of Cadoola, 14 miles south of this place, was visited by a severe cyclone on Tuesday, which inflicted considerable damage. Many buildings and residences were thrown from their foundations. The Baptist Church was completely demolished and the two story frame dwelling of Mr. Trove was destroyed. Several members of the family of the latter were in the house at the time of the storm and were seriously injured.

THE JEWISH PERSECUTION.  
LONDON, Mar. 2.—The Russo-Jewish committee has prepared a statement confirming the reports of outrages on Jews in Russia, including many cases of murder and rape which the recent British Consular reports discredited. The committee's statement is founded upon letters received from persons occupying high official positions in the Jewish community and upon personal evidence of Jewish refugees. A letter from an eminent rabbi indicates that steps have been taken by the Russian authorities to conceal the truth.

REVENGING A BROTHER'S DEATH.  
VERONA, Mo., Mar. 2.—Last Monday a young man named Rowley, without warning and from behind a stable, fired at Sheriff J. Hopkins, of Barry county, hitting him in the breast and causing his death. Rowley surrendered. Three years ago Sheriff Hopkins attempted to arrest a brother of Rowley on a requisition from Texas for murder. The latter resisted and was killed. Or that killing the present assassination is the result.

WASH OUT.  
ODENSBURG, N. Y., March 2.—A wash out occurred on the Odenburg & Lake Champlain R. R. last night between Moore's Forks and Wood's Falls. The engine and baggage car of train No. 8 ran into it, and engineer J. A. Chamber and fireman Henry Petrie were killed. An express messenger and baggage man were injured, but it is thought not seriously. None of the passengers were injured.

SHOT AND ROBBED.  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 2.—A popcorn vendor named B. C. Cuff, living at Annaroom, was shot near his residence early yesterday morning and robbed of about \$800. The bolter ordered the use of the brain and he never recovered. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

## Cooking.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Ex-Senator Cookling anticipated the announcement of his coming by scribbling here last night. He proceeded at once to private quarters and his presence in this city is now known only to a few of his personal friends. Latest reports say it is almost certain he will accept his appointment on the Supreme Bench.

Wife Murder and Suicide.  
CHICAGO, March 2.—Orville B. Burt of La Salle, Ill., an idle carpenter, shot his wife yesterday because of her refusal to support him, and then killed himself. Two children were found clinging to the woman's body as she lay on the floor. She will probably die.

Breaking of Levees.  
NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—A Greenock dispatch says: "There was a perfect wreck of the Boiler levee yesterday morning; Riveron, Wade, Clay, and Bagot levees also broke through and it is reported that the Concord broke the day before. Several lives were lost."

Terrible Loss of Life.  
LONDON, Mar. 2.—Mail advices from the west coast of Africa report that a ferry boat while crossing the Lagoon-of-Lagos, capsized and that forty-seven out of sixty person on board were drowned.

Fire.  
RIVERSIDE, N. J., Mar. 2.—The Roman Catholic Church and the buildings adjoining, occupied by the Sisters as a school, were destroyed by fire this morning.